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Dear Dr. Rhoads:

Thank you for your letter dated 3 November 1978 concerning the continued protection of unevaluated intelligence reports.

I am in agreement that unevaluated intelligence reports of the COI and OSS accessioned by other agencies to the National Archives and Records Service as permanent records and which have been systematically reviewed and declassified should continue to remain in the public domain. The systematic review by CIA of remaining COI and OSS reports at the National Archives will continue until all such reports have been reviewed. Those declassified can be made available to the public and I will certify those for which continued protection is required in the interest of national security.

STATINTL

I further agree that unevaluated [redacted] intelligence reports, identified in my letter of 16 October 1978 as requiring continued protection in the interest of national security, should apply to such formal CIG, SSU, and CIA unevaluated intelligence reports in the custody of the National Archives and Records Service as have not already been made available to researchers in response to mandatory review under E.O. 11652 and FOIA requests. Such application would continue under Executive Order 12065 when it becomes effective on 1 December 1978.

It is recognized that E.O. 12065 requires that when an Agency head extends classification beyond 20 years, or 30 years for foreign government information, a date no more than ten years later shall be set for declassification or for the next review, unless a waiver is granted by the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office for certain categories of information. Pending the activation of the Information

Security Oversight Office and the time to process a CIA waiver request to extend the period between reviews for certain categories of information, it would be appreciated if the National Archives would refrain from marking a next review date on unevaluated SSU, CIG, and CIA reports over 20 years of age or over 30 years for foreign government information. Should it be necessary in some cases to set a date for next review, a 10-year period is, of course, acceptable.

Your cooperation in these matters is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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